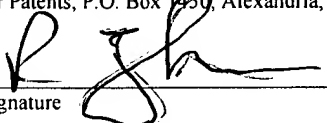




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Vasudevan et al.

Application No.: 09/934,386

Filed: August 21, 2001

For: System and Method for Data  
Replication in a Computer System

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 30, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the examiner's objections and rejections.

#### Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including May 30, 2006. Checks in the amount of \$450.00 and \$200.00 for the fee associated with the extension of time and the additional claims fee are included. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account

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No. 02-0383 (matter 016295.0673) for any additional charges necessary for the filing of this response.

**Fee for Additional Claims**

As a result of the amendments below, an additional claim is added to this application. The fee for this claim is calculated below:

Fee Calculation					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims:	25	- 40 =	0	x \$50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims:	4	- 3 =	1	x \$200 =	\$ 200.00
Total Additional Claims Fee =					\$ 200.00